conversion of Guntur-Guntakal meter-gauge line into a broad-gauge line;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision thereon; and

(c) if so, by when this project is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Survey for the conversion has been taken up. No action can be taken till the survey is completed and report examined.

Development of National Highways

909. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four laning of the National Highway between Delhi and Kanpur is the first step in this direction; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Four laning of sections of National Highways having heavy traffic has been included as a part of their development in the Seventh Five Year Plan and this includes four laning between Ballabhgarh and Agra on Delhi-Kanpur N.H. route. The detailed project is presently in the age of formulation and its implementation would depend on the availability of funds.

National highway between Vijayawada and Ongole

910. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four laning of National Highway No. NH-5 between Vijayawada and Ongole has been approved by Government;

(b) if so, by when the work on this project is likely to start and by when it is expected to be completed; and

(c) whether four laning of NH-5 is proposed to be extended upto Madras in view of the heavy traffic on this section of the road?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Four laning of road from Vijayawada to Chilakaluripet on Vijayawada-Ongole section of NH-5 is included in the 7th Five Year Plan and the proposal has been projected to World Bank for financial assistance. It is premature to indicate either date of start or completion.

(c) No, Sir.

National Institute for Youth Development

911. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Institute for youth development; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) A Working Group was set up to examine various aspects and the feasibility of establishing a National Institute of Youth Development. The Working Group has submitted its report to the Government. No final decision has yet been taken on the report.